

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Attorney Docket No. **020431.0843**

In re Application of:

**MANOEL TENORIO**

Serial No. **09/895,525**

Filed: **28 JUNE 2001**

For: **ASSOCIATION OF DATA WITH A  
PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION  
SCHEMA**



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Examiner: **TE Y CHEN**

Art Unit: **2161**

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**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

I, Manoel Tenorio, hereby declare and state that:

1. I am over the age of 21 years, of sound mind, and competent in all respects to make this Declaration.

2. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter claimed in the present Application, Serial No. 09/895,525, entitled *Association of Data With a Product Classification Schema*, filed 28 June 2001.

3. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-37 (the "Claims") of the present Application in an Office Action mailed 23 February 2005, based on U.S. Patent No. 6,708,161, issued 16 March 2004, entitled *System and Method for Selective Database Indexing*, filed 22 December 2000. The Examiner maintained this rejection in an Office Action mailed 23 August 2005.

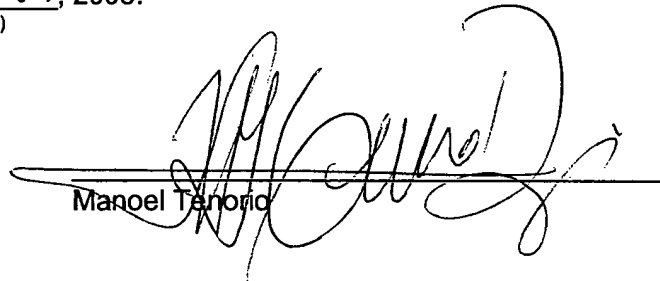
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4. I am a co-inventor of subject matter claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,708,161.

5. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter that is both disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,708,161 and relied upon by the Examiner in the Office Actions mailed 16 March 2005 and 14 September 2005 in rejecting the claims of the present Application, to the extent that such subject matter was not known in the art prior to the earliest priority date of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,161.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. Further, I declare that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 18 day of November, 2005.  
(day) (month)

  
Manoel Tenorio